

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
Case No. 20-CV-954-WO-JLW**

FARHAD AZIMA,

Plaintiff,

v.

NICHOLAS DEL ROSSO and VITAL
MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.,

Defendants.

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW ATTORNEY
APPEARANCE AND TO BE
EXCUSED FROM
SEPTEMBER 29, 2023,
STATUS CONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.1(e), Plaintiff Farhad Azima respectfully moves for leave of Court to withdraw the appearance of Brian A. Hill as counsel for Plaintiff, and for Mr. Hill to be excused from attending the September 29, 2023, Status Conference of all counsel of record.

Although Mr. Hill was actively involved in this case at the time of its filing and for a period of time thereafter, Mr. Hill has not performed any substantive work on this case since January 2022. If Mr. Hill is permitted to withdraw his appearance before the September 29, 2023, Status Conference, Mr. Azima will continue to be represented in this matter by Mr. Hill's six undersigned colleagues at Miller & Chevalier Chartered as well as Plaintiff's undersigned counsel at Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP, all of whom plan to attend the upcoming Status Conference as required by the Court's August 31, 2023, Order.

No request for any change in schedule is being sought in connection with this motion, and the withdrawal of Mr. Hill will not unduly delay the case, will not be unduly prejudicial to any party, and will not otherwise be against the interests of justice. The undersigned certifies that the Plaintiff has been notified of the withdrawal of Mr. Hill's appearance, that the Plaintiff consents to Mr. Hill's withdrawal from the case, and that Plaintiff Azima will continue to be represented by:

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The undersigned certifies further that, on September 6, 2023, counsel for Plaintiff communicated with counsel for Defendants about this motion prior to filing and counsel for Defendants did not indicate any objection to Mr. Hill's withdrawal.

Based on the foregoing, Mr. Hill respectfully requests that his motion be granted and his appearance in this case be terminated, that he be excused from attending the September 29, 2023, Status Conference, and for other such relief as may be just and appropriate.

This, the 7th day of September, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I further certify that, in accordance with Local Rule 83.1(e)(3), I caused the foregoing Motion for Leave to Withdraw Attorney Appearance to be emailed to Plaintiff Farhad Azima directly, at an email address that is known to Plaintiff's counsel.

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